



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration

Reauthorization and Highway Trust Fund Update

Southeast Regional Transportation Forum

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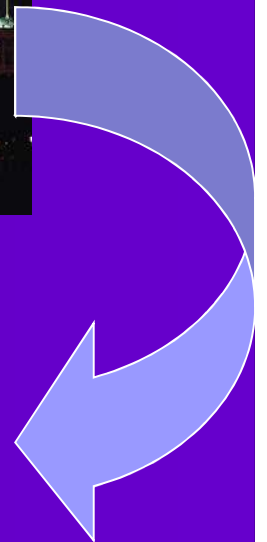
Things to remember...

- SAFETEA-LU expired September 30
- Currently operating under a 30 day continuing resolution
- New legislation could be transformative...Need to pay attention to provisions
- SAFETEA-LU recognizes State sovereignty
- Federal process for project selection rigorous and founded upon a comprehensive, continuing and coordinated planning process

Federal Funding for Highways



\$0.184/gallon
Highway Trust
Fund



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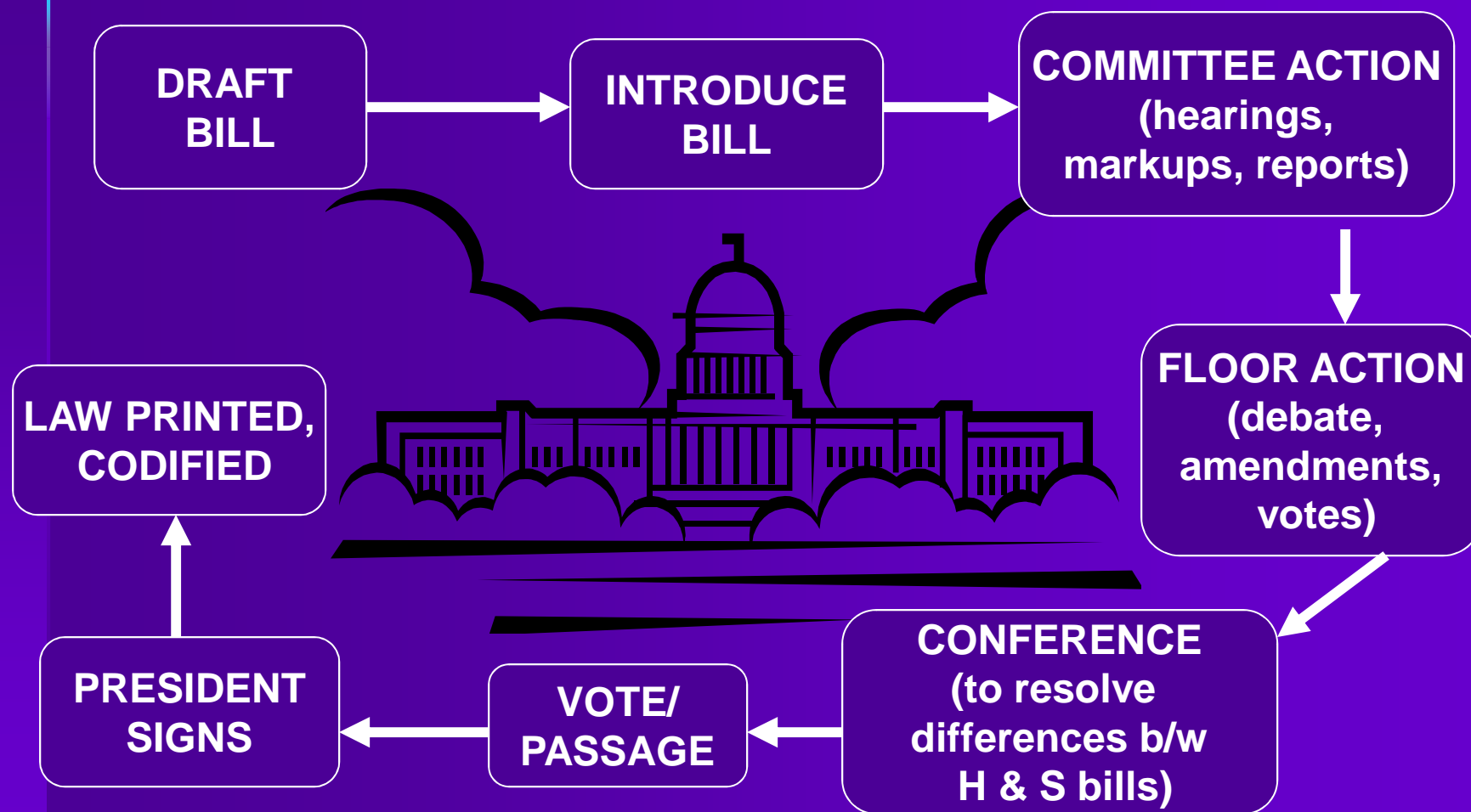
Federal Highway
Administration (FHWA)



The Federal Surface Transportation Program

- Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users
- 6 Year Bill
- Developed with significant input from Congressman Don Young as Chairman of House Transportation and Infrastructure
- Sets spending limits and framework subject to annual appropriations

Legislative Process (House and Senate)



Timeline of Last Reauthorization

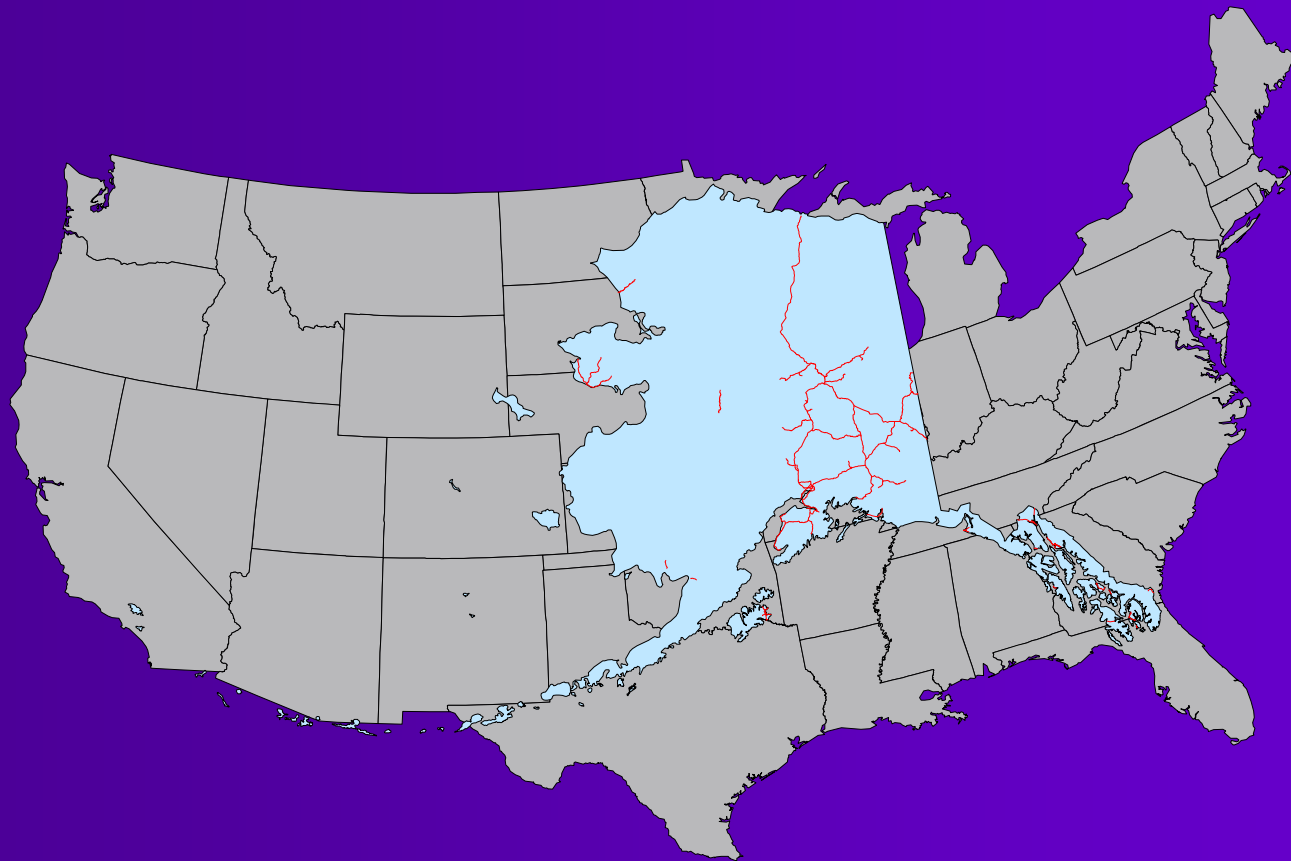
- June 2002: began drafting legislative language
- February 2003: to OMB for interagency clearance
- April 2003: second submission to OMB for interagency clearance
- May 2003: OMB cleared bill and the Secretary transmitted it to the Hill
- September 2003: No reauthorization bill in place--extension required
- August 2005: after 12 extensions, SAFETEA-LU was signed into law

The new bill is expected to be transformative

We are seeing some common themes in the debates including:

- Transparency and reporting
- New Funding methods
- Funding linkage to System Performance
- Climate Change
- Livable Communities

Evolution of a Federal aid Project: State sovereignty



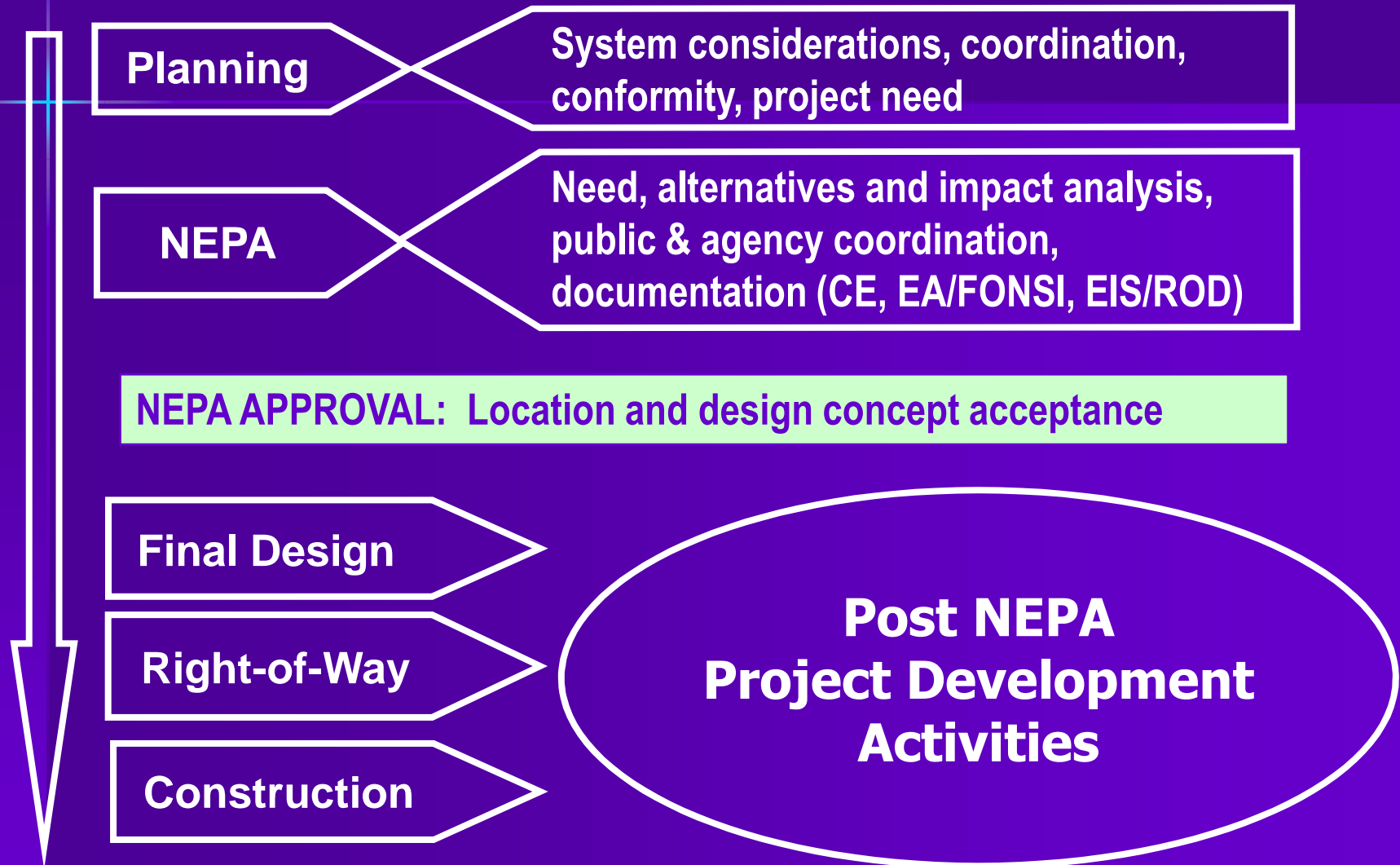
State Federal Relationship

- The authorization of the appropriation of Federal funds or their availability for expenditure shall in no way infringe on the sovereign rights of the States to determine which projects shall be federally financed. The provisions of this chapter provide for a federally assisted State program.

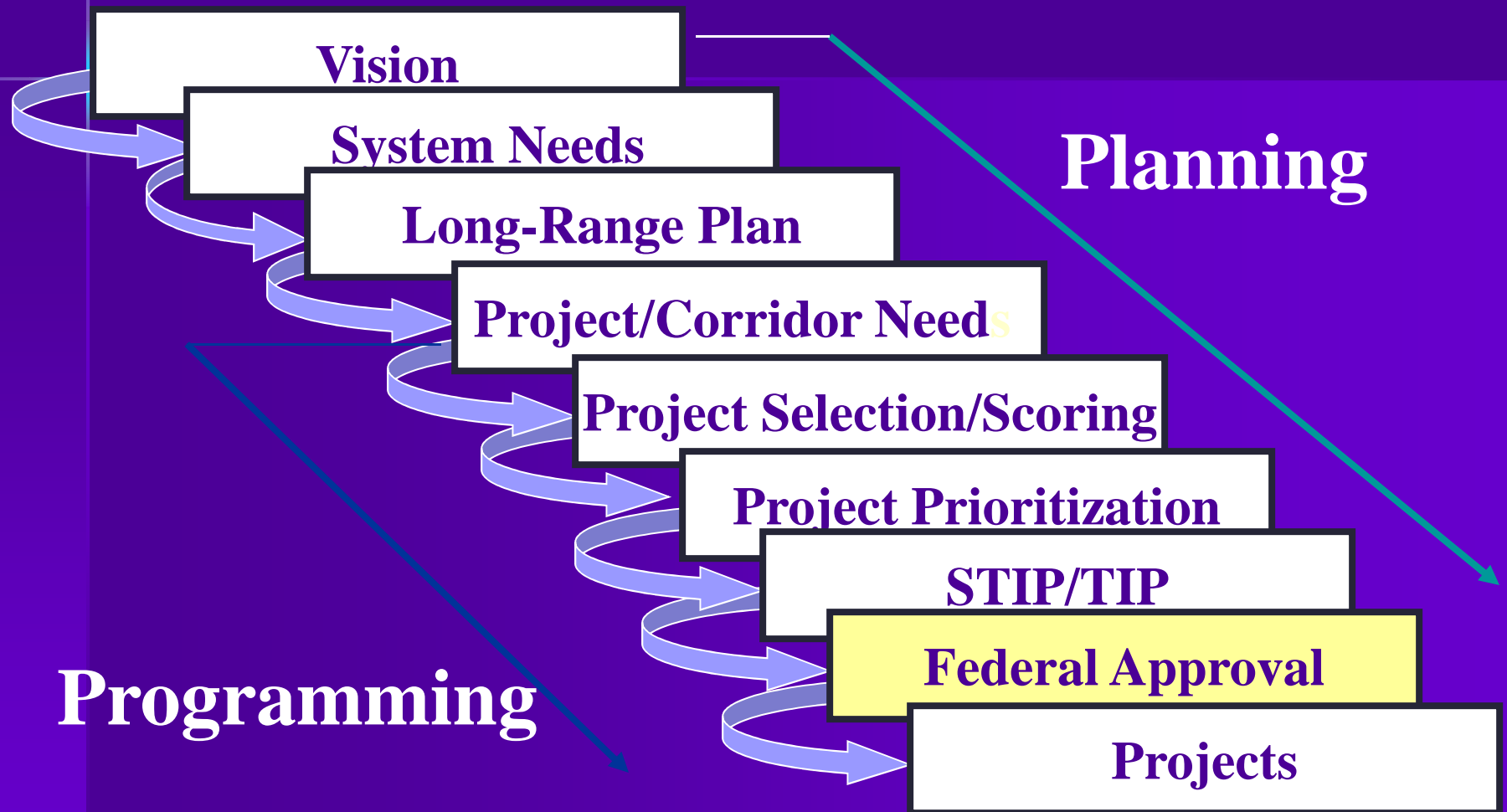
Alaska Department of Transportation

- Each State highway department...shall be authorized, by the laws of the State, to make final decisions for the State in all matters relating to, and to enter into, on behalf of the State, all contracts and agreements for projects and to take such other actions on behalf of the State as may be necessary to comply with the Federal laws and the regulations in this part.

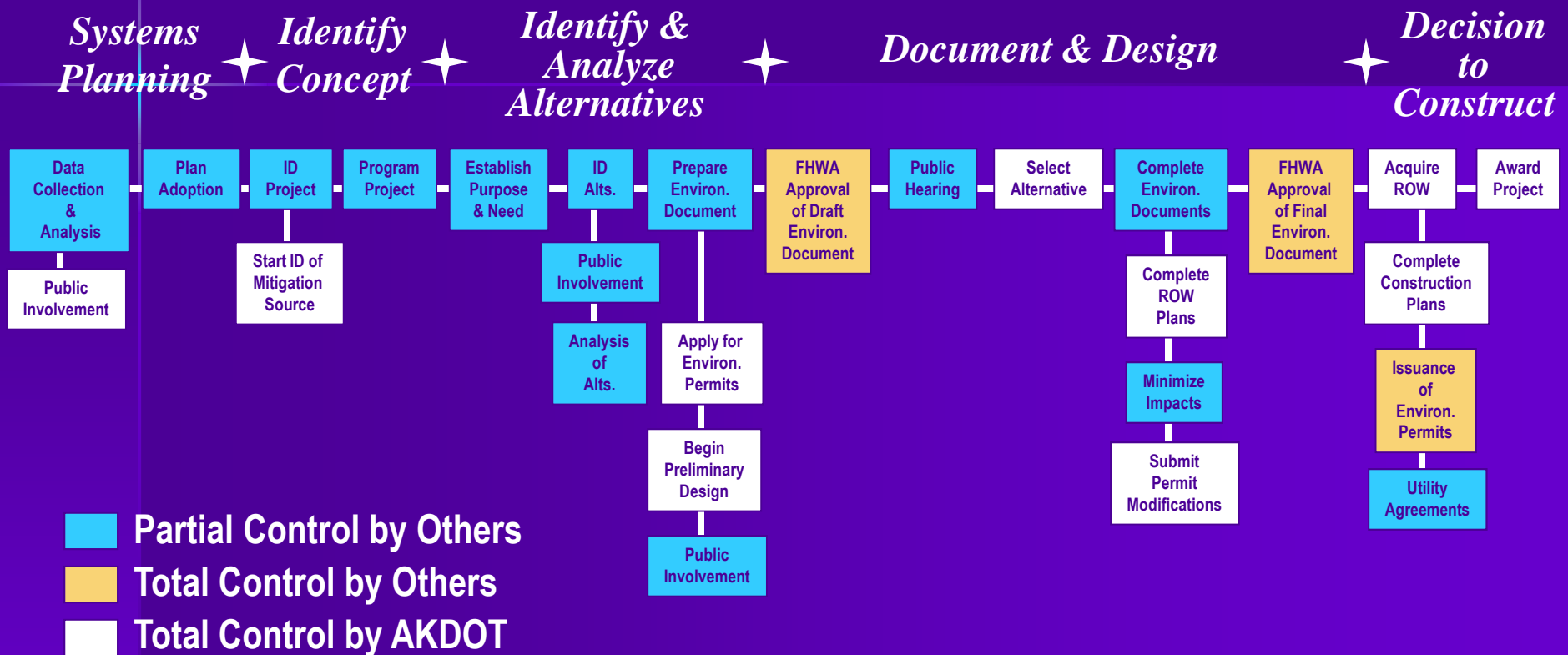
Project Development



PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING



Transportation Decision-Making Process



Goal: To ensure a transportation improvement meets need in the least environmentally damaging practicable way

Key Issues of Mutual Interest

- Economic Development
- Capacity, Congestion and Reliability
- Rural access
- Financing and Funding Projects
- Environmental Concerns
- Safety and Security Concerns

State DOTs Role

- Provides and maintains transportation infrastructure under public ownership at the state level
- Partners with local governments for many transportation projects
- Develops statewide transportation plan and administers the processes that ultimately result in good transportation projects for the state

Thank you